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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6363

BILL NUMBER: HB 1499

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 4, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Local Government Reorganizations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Riecken

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a special election may be held on a referendum under the government modernization statutes if the reorganizing political subdivisions request the special election and agree to pay the costs of holding the special election.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Units wishing to reorganize that agree to a special election would require an indeterminable increase in local expenditures to conduct a special election.

Background: Typical election costs include ballot printing (in counties operating optical scan or ballot card voting systems), facility rental, and payment of precinct election boards.

The following table shows the precinct election officers as provided by law. The table also includes the average pay per election by each office.

Type of Officer	Number	Average Pay Per Election*
Inspector	1	\$129
Judge	2	\$97
Poll Clerk**	2	\$94
Sheriff**	2	\$106
Asst. Poll Clerk**	2	\$94
*Based on a survey of all counties with 57 responding. **May be eliminated by resolution of entire county election board.		

Certain counties may pay the judge of the party opposite of the inspector more than the judge of the inspector's party. The additional pay compensates for extra duties of the opposite party judge, who accompanies the inspector to drop off the election ballots and canvases after the polls close to the county election board office.

Many counties are not able to fill every position, and several do not have assistant poll clerks. Additionally, counties may by resolution of the entire election board discontinue sheriff and poll clerk appointments. Very few counties in the survey had assistant poll clerks or sheriffs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Reorganizing local units of government, county election boards.

Information Sources: Counties responding to an LSA survey on precinct election officer per diem.

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